

The Coastal Zone Canada Association: Ten Years of Moving the ICOM Markers

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The Coastal Zone Canada Association (CZCA) was formed in 1993 to promote Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management (ICOM) in Canada and the world. The Association is comprised of a cadre of like-minded individuals who believe in the importance and urgency of effective ICOM and who are committed to moving the markers on the pace and direction of this important management approach. The CZCA's main vehicle for making such progress is its biennial Coastal Zone Canada conference series. Six such events have been convened over the past decade, on each of Canada's four coasts. Over 2,000 highly motivated and committed individuals from all levels of government, academia, NGOs, the scientific community, community organizations, natural resource harvesting, youth and citizens at large, throughout Canada and from over 60 coastal nations, have come together at the CZC conferences to share their experiences, learn from each other and reach consensus on the important next steps that must be taken. In looking forward to the next decade, the need for the Association and its conferences is greater than ever as Canada seeks to implement the fundamental elements of its Oceans Action Plan and build its international reputation in ICOM. The CZCA plans to bring its 2008 event to the west coast.

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